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## SHOOTING MAY END IN MURDER OF WATSON BROTHERS AT WHEELER.

Snowballing of Jesse Egleton, Colored, as He Got Off Trolley Car Sunday Evening Started the Trouble.

### NEGRO CAUGHT IN FIELD.

By County Detective McBeth and Deputy Sheriff Decker—Victims of His Bullets Are at the Hospital, One in a Very Critical Condition.

What may result in a double murder occurred Sunday afternoon at Wheeler and Jesse Egleton, a negro, is in jail at Uniontown charged with shooting William and Charles Watson. According to reports Egleton got off a West Penn car at Wheeler station, where he was made a target for snowballs thrown by a number of small boys. This angered the negro, who drew a revolver and threatened to shoot the lads. John Watson, Jr., was one of the party, and when the negro drew his gun, William rushed at him.

Egleton fired twice, and his aim was true, one bullet striking William in the stomach and the other in the shoulder. Seeing his brother fall, Charles Watson attempted to battle with the enraged negro, but he, too, was made a target of, one bullet puncturing his lungs and the other fracturing the right arm.

It was John Watson, Jr., who proved himself a hero and saved both victims of the negro's fire from instant death. John rushed upon the man from behind and managed to throw him down. Upon falling, Egleton released his hold on the gun, which John secured. He beat the man over the head with it. Egleton managed finally to escape.

The injured men were brought to Connellsville on the next car and taken to the hospital. County Detective Alex McBeth and Deputy Sheriff S. B. Decker were in town Sunday evening, and when notified went to the scene at once. After a thorough search in the vicinity of Wheeler, Egleton was finally located hiding in a field. He was taken to Uniontown and lodged in jail.

Both the Watsons are in a serious condition at the hospital. William is in bad shape, and his recovery is despaired of, although he may hang between life and death for several days. Charles, who was shot through the lung, is not so badly injured, and his ultimate recovery is expected.

Residents of Wheeler have an entirely different version of the affair, and according to stories told by them this morning the Watson boys were not entirely blameless for the trouble. They say Egleton came down to the station to take a car for Connellsville. He formerly lived at Wheeler and had been visiting friends there Sunday. At the waiting room he found a crowd of half intoxicated men, it is said, who began throwing snow balls at him. Egleton warned the men to desist, but this angered them and they piled on the negro. He managed to escape once, but the second time, when they attacked him, he drew a gun and fired the shots. The street car came within a short time after the affair occurred and the men were hurried to Connellsville.

It is said that the Watson boys and several others had been drinking all afternoon, and were pretty drunk when they went down to the station. They were boisterous and threw snow balls at each other on the way to the street car line.

William Watson, who is the most seriously hurt, is about 22 years old. He has a wife, but no children. Charles Watson is single. John, who is the older of the three, was married, but his wife recently secured a divorce from him. Egleton, the negro, is about 35 years of age.

### KILLED HIS BROTHER.

Tragedy at Clarksburg, W. Va., as Result of Trivial Quarrel.  
CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Claude Tindley, aged 18, and his brother, aged 12, became involved in a violent quarrel over a trivial matter at their home this morning. Vance, aged 22, attempted to separate his younger brothers and received a stab wound from which he bled to death within a few minutes.

### MURRAY RE-ELECTED.

Directors of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company last week re-elected President Oscar C. Murray and the other executive officers.

### MARRIED AGAIN.

L. Rosenson and Mrs. Chosie Molok, both of New Haven, were married there Sunday morning. This is the second matrimonial venture for both.

### PATRICK SIGNS PETITION.

To Governor Higgins to Commute His Sentence.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Lawyer Albert Patrick has given in his fight for a new trial for the murder of millionaire William H. Rice. Patrick has signed the petition to Governor Higgins, begging him to commute his death sentence to life imprisonment.

### POLICE COURT

Sunday Morning Was a Busy One, Many Drunks Being In—Officers Were Kept Busy Saturday Night.

Common drunks were in the majority at police court Sunday morning, and justice was dispensed with a layish hand by Burgess Solson. John Early of Norristown was arrested early Sunday morning. He was located asleep in the band room door, third floor, City Hall. John drew 48 hours for his. Charles Whitmore of Broad Ford, by no means a stranger to local officers, was given five days for being drunk. Sentences of 18 hours do not keep Charles sober very long, so Burgess Solson gave him a good dose.

Walter Butty was found at the B. & O. depot drunk and disorderly by Officer Hyles. He took 72 hours not having the necessary five spot Mike Roebuck, not in any way connected with Sears, Roebuck & Company, raised \$50 and handed it over for being drunk.

George H. Johnson of Uniontown took 48 hours in the battle in being drunk. Steve Kibushi, who smashed a window for Martha O'Hara, was given five days and directed to pay for the broken window. He raised \$10 and was later released.

Samuel Jones of Fairbairn was drunk and disorderly, taking the usual sentence of 72 hours for that charge, but later raised the coin.

Joseph Elmer and Roy Yontz, both of Indian Creek, came to town, but didn't know how to behave. They were bumping women on the street and were arrested in a hurry. They left a \$10 watch in payment of their fine.

James Kinney of Youngstown, O., was pinched in a Water street lodging house, where he refused to pay for his bunk. This negligence caused him to become one of the city's boarders for 48 hours.

### INSTITUTE OPENS.

About Ninety Per Cent. of the Teachers, Over Six Hundred, Will Be in Attendance This Week.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 17.—The 33rd annual Teachers' Institute of Fayette County will begin its sessions here at 1:30 this afternoon. All morning teachers began filing into the County Seat from every direction. It is fully expected that at least 90 per cent. of the teachers employed in the county will be on hand at the sessions this week. There is every indication that this will be one of the most interesting sessions every held.

The weather was disagreeable, and Uniontown's streets are filled with slush and snow. The worst school news are having an unpleasant time of it navigating about town. Many of them spent the morning looking through the streets, while early in the afternoon they began flocking to the Grand Opera House, where the Institute will be held. Renewing of old acquaintances and exchanging notes on the past year's affairs occupied the time before the meeting convened.

### LOOKING FOR BRASS.

Coal and Iron Officer Michael McCudden Searched Junk Shops.  
Coal and Iron Policeman Michael McCudden, brother of Policeman Frank McCudden, was here Saturday searching several junk shops. Brass in large quantities has been stolen from the Lemon and Trotter works of the H. C. Frick Coke Company and officers are trying to locate it.

Today McCudden is looking through other junk shops in the neighborhood. The officers hope to locate some of the brass.

Freight Business Heavy.  
Freight business especially coal tonnage, was heavy west over the Baltimore & Ohio railroad Sunday.

### HARG ON TRAINMEN.

The storm in the mountains last night and today was hard on the freight trainmen.



SEEING THINGS AGAIN.

## A COINCIDENCE IN A FATALITY.

Mrs. Sarah Bell Struck by a Street Car at Identical Spot

### WHERE HUSBAND WAS KILLED.

Old Lady Stepped in Front of Car Near Leisenring No. 1 Early This Morning, Having Leg Cut Off—At the Hospital and May Die.

Mrs. Sarah Bell, 70 years of age, was run over by Car No. 19 on the short line to Leisenring No. 3 shortly after six o'clock this morning and had her right foot so badly mangled that an amputation was necessary. The accident happened almost at the same spot where her husband was killed. Mrs. Bell walked the line down to the track with the intention of boarding the car. Upon its approach she became confused as to which side to board, and when the car was almost on her, she started to cross the track. She was struck by the car, and her right foot was caught between the wheels. She was taken to the hospital, where it was found that her leg was broken. It was of no avail. Conductor John Kating was in charge of the car.

Mrs. Bell was brought to the hospital here as soon as possible. Her condition is regarded as serious, but she underwent the operation without any indication of subsequent results.

It is a peculiar coincidence that Mrs. Bell was injured at exactly the same place where her husband, John Bell, was killed five years ago. The circumstances were practically similar. Mrs. Bell also had two sons killed in the mines some time ago. Three tragic deaths and one severe accident in the same family within so short a time is an unusual occurrence. This afternoon Mrs. Bell is in fairly good condition at the hospital.

Killed Switching Cars.  
While Joseph Dupon, 17 years old, was switching cars at the No. 3 plant of the Jamison Coal Company in Westmoreland county, he fell and was run down by a trip of cars and instantly killed.

Noon Weather Bulletin.  
Snow flurries and colder tonight and Tuesday; cold wave Tuesday, is the noon weather bulletin.

### FEARFUL INJURIES.

Italian Crushed in Clay Bank Has Nearly All the Bones in His Body Broken.

Diadon Syroni, an Italian, aged 21 years, was brought to the hospital Saturday night in a pitiable condition. He had a compound fracture of the nose, his shoulder was dislocated, left collar bone fractured, left clavicle dislocated, while the right of his left eye was destroyed. Syroni was crushed in a clay bank of the Perry Manufacturing Company. He will likely recover.

Mike Loody, aged 42 years, married and residing here, was brought to the hospital Saturday night with a fractured shoulder. He left the hospital this morning.

## TO PAY MORTGAGE.

South Side Baptist Church Soliciting Funds to Clear Debt of \$7,500 on Church Property.

The members of the South Side Baptist church are making an effort to clear the debt on their church. The property is located on South Pittsburgh street. It was built two years ago and has been regularly held since that time. There is a mortgage of \$7,500 on the property. The congregation proposes to engage in a general movement to raise the money to pay this mortgage. It was due the 1st of October. It is proposed to secure the money to let the mortgage within a month.

Back of the church is a piece of property owned by the church. It is proposed to sell this property, the price placed on it being \$1,500. The lot is 60x88 feet. The figure set is considered low when the valuation of other property in the neighborhood is taken into consideration. The lot runs from the rear of the church back to Marion avenue. The whole church property is worth \$16,000 and this is a low valuation.

The whole congregation has obligated themselves to raise the money to place the church free of debt. Mrs. L. B. F. Rhinehart, cashier of the church, is soliciting the funds. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Buttermore and James Cover are also active on the committee to solicit aid.

## WALTON ASKED OFFICIALS.

Deputy Comptroller Said to Have Assured Him.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—It required five years for the bank examiners to discover the irregularities which led to the failure of the Farmers' & Drivers' National Bank of Waynesburg. At least this is the inference made from the reports.

Even last spring when Senator Elmer Walton came here to confer as to the condition of the bank at the Comptroller's office the condition of the bank was reported as excellent. Senator Walton was not satisfied with the representations of the officers of the bank, but made a trip to Washington to acquaint himself with the standing of the institution at the Treasury Department. Upon the statement of Deputy Comptroller Kate Senator Walton became convinced with the work of manipulating the accounts began five years ago.

## TRAINMAN CRUSHED.

Harry E. Deviney, Freight Conductor on P. R. R., Meets Death.

Harry E. Deviney, 47 years old, a freight conductor on the Pittsburgh, Virginia & Charleston railroad, was crushed to death between cars Sunday morning at the Rahway yards at Revere, near Uniontown. He had been employed by the railroad 25 years. A widow and three children survive. Deviney was arranging the automobile couplet and did not notice that the cars were so close together. When the train backed up he was crushed between the coupling apparatus and death came almost instantly. The remains were taken to J. Harry John, son's mortgage and prepared for burial. Deviney was a popular and widely known freight man on the P. V. & C.

## Trackwalker Run Down.

Antonio North, 30 years old, a trackwalker on the West Penn railroad, was run down near Salina Saturday night and killed.

## Two Drunks Arrested.

Two drunks were placed up on the streets this morning, foundering about in the slush.

## DISCREPANCIES OF A MILLION

Less \$50,000 Found in Bank Examiner's Report at Waynesburg

### COMPARED WITH CASHIER'S.

J. B. F. Rhinehart, Cashier of the Bank, at Noon Today, Appeared in Pittsburgh and Gave Bail for \$10,000 on Eight Counts of Falsifying.

### PAID HERE PRESS TELEGRAM.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 17.—Discrepancies amounting to \$250,000 in reports made to the Comptroller of the Currency are alleged by Bank Examiner J. B. F. Rhinehart, in information against J. B. F. Rhinehart, cashier of the Farmers' & Drivers' Bank of Waynesburg. Rhinehart is charged with falsifying the bank's books and with making false entries in his report of the financial condition of the bank, made to the Comptroller as required by law. Bank Examiner Cunningham resumed work today examining books of the Farmers' & Drivers' bank. The receiver refused to say whether additional information will be made. Citizens here are still confident that the bank will resume and are accepting checks on the institution.

### Two Years to the Pen.

Tony Parinella of Revere was sentenced to 18 months in the Western Penitentiary for the battery of \$25 from a fellow countryman. Parinella slept with him one night and the money disappeared.

### Reward for Murderer.

Superintendent George Nash of the Monessen steel mills has offered a reward of \$500 for the arrest of the man who ravished and murdered Arlene Horstman on the night of October 5.

### New Dist Her's License.

A distiller's license was granted to the Hutter Distilling Company for a two-story brick distillery in Spring Hill township.

## A BAD SLIDE

Near Fairmont Early This Morning Delayed Traffic on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

Continued rains caused a landslide on the Fairmont branch of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad early this morning at about 2 miles north of Fairmont. The track was blocked several hours by a pile of dirt and stones, inflicting a great traffic delay. Both No. 1 and 3 were delayed more than three hours this morning. No. 2 arrived about an hour late, while No. 4 was about four hours behind time reaching Connellsville. The Fairmont branch is one of the worst places on the B. & O. system for slides and during wet weather there are almost daily occurrences. It is so common, however, that they are serious.

## A JURY SECURED IN GRAFT CASES; TRIAL TAKEN UP THIS AFTERNOON.

Hard Legal Battle Will Be Waged Between Commonwealth and Defendants' Attorneys in Connellsville Suits.

### BURNHAM SENTENCED.

Mutual Insurance Attorney Gets Two Years to Sing Sing.  
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—George Burnham, Jr., Vice President and general counsel for the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company, who was convicted last week of grand larceny in the first degree, was sentenced today to two years in Sing Sing.

### TESTIMONY THIS AFTERNOON.

Clerk W. D. McGinnis Identified the Warrant Geo. A. Marietta Is Alleged to Have Forged—All Cases Are to Be Tried Separately.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 17.—The Connellsville graft cases, the first of which was taken up before Judge E. H. Reppert this morning, attracted many people from Connellsville, a large number of whom are witnesses on one or the other of the twelve cases. The defendants, Councilman William McCormick, George A. Marietta, a borough employee on the streets, and R. W. McCormick, a son of Councilman McCormick, are being tried separately. It is also possible, it was stated this morning, that at R. W. McCormick would not be tried. He is alleged to have signed one of the orders on which the charges were brought at the instance of his father.

The amount involved in the case against Mr. McCormick and Marietta is in the neighborhood of \$320. In one of the informations it is alleged that McCormick secured a warrant payable to James S. Boyd for \$50, and after it was cashed he received \$45 out of it. Three other informants allege that the defendants collected, in three amounts, \$120, \$60 and \$70, warrants made payable to Irwin Leichter, who was not and had not been employed by the borough for a year.

The second supposition was that Councilman McCormick would be tried first, when it was learned that the three defendants would be tried separately. Geo. A. Marietta's case, however, was the first called. It took all morning to get a jury. Every move on the part of the defense was stubbornly fought. Every juror called was closely questioned by the twelve men had not been selected until just a few minutes before noon. The trial was started immediately upon the reconvening of court at 1:30. W. D. McGinnis, borough clerk of Connellsville, was the first witness called. He testified briefly to the fact that he was borough clerk and that the orders or some of them which came into the case were made out by him. He had time statements for the warrants, one of them made out by Marietta. Mr. McGinnis testified to the number of making out borough warrants after passage of the bills for corresponding amounts at meetings in Town Council. He identified the warrant for \$50 alleged to have been forged by Geo. A. Marietta.

Byron Porter, of the Title & Trust Company of Western Pennsylvania, was the next witness. He testified to the manner in which checks are cashed and stated that the same rule is followed with borough warrants, the same embossments being necessary on an ordinary check. Irwin Leichter, for whom time had been turned in to the borough clerk, is alleged by Marietta, testified that he has worked but one day for the borough since 1905. A warrant or several warrants for various amounts were made out in Leichter's name. These warrants or at least one of them, was endorsed on the back by Marietta. Leichter's testimony was very brief, the prosecution being content with the sworn statement from him that he had worked but one day for the borough in 1906. The warrants drawn credited him with many days' work at \$1.50 a day.

The last case heard in Judge Reppert's room Saturday evening was that of Jeff Harding and George Lutz, prosecuted by Marshall Stone of near Smithfield, with chicken stealing. The case created much merriment, as the testimony was rather humorous. Stone testified that he caught Harding carrying out of his barn with a chicken in a sack. He said that he had been having trouble for a long time with persons stealing his chickens. When the boy saw him he dropped the sack and let the chicken out. The boys contended that they were only in fun, but they were convicted by the jury and recommended to the mercy of the court.

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### News of Nearby Towns.

#### DUNBAR.

##### Events of the Day in the Busy Furnace Town.

DUNBAR, Dec. 17.—The annual meeting of the Royal Acacia was held Friday evening, December 14. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. After the year's business was gone over officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Harry Walls, Regent; B. F. Graves, Vice Regent; U. D. Spear, Orator; R. J. McGee, Secretary; D. Williams, Collector; L. Heutich, Treasurer; Geo. R. Spear, Chaplain; R. A. Roddy, Guide; J. A. Fairchild, Wardens; Grant Hux, Seater; J. W. Graves, Representative; Joseph Barnes, Alternative; S. H. Patton, Geo. R. Spear and Harry Walls, Trustees.

Mrs. J. A. Geller of Connelville was calling on friends and relatives here Friday.

C. Watkins of Pittsburgh was a business caller here Saturday.

Mrs. Martha Ritter of Dawson is the guest of Miss Sue Cotton, Second street.

The Young People's Society of the Presbyterian Church held their regular monthly meeting at the home of George Wagoner. A very enjoyable evening was spent in the playing of games and other amusements, after which refreshments were served.

J. H. Williams and wife of Wheeling, W. Va., registered at the Central Hotel here Saturday.

J. J. Paul of Pittsburgh was a business caller here Saturday.

A. C. Auer of Connelville was a business caller here Saturday.

Mrs. E. W. Potter was a Connelville business caller Saturday.

The fair held Friday and Saturday evenings under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church proved successful both socially and financially.

Mrs. David Williams was shopping for a few hours in Connelville Saturday.

Miss Winifred McFarland of Vanderhill, who has been the guest of her brother, Frank McFarland, returned home Saturday.

O. R. Shuman, employed at the Continental Glass Press Company here, arrived home Friday with his wife and son from Philadelphia.

J. A. Cartwright is employed in papering and painting the store room in D. C. Foltz's building on Woodvale street, which will be occupied by the grocery store of S. A. Davidson about the first of the year.

Miss Teresa Keenan of Uniontown was visiting her sister, Mrs. Marshall Holden, on Friday and Saturday.

Charles Neighbors, newsboy for C. A. Mavetta, left yesterday for Morgantown, where he will spend a week with relatives.

Howell McFarland spent a few hours in Morgantown Saturday.

Miss Ella Neighbors, who has been calling on friends in Pittsburgh, returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wishart spent Sunday with relatives here.

Ewing Spear, employed in the Union Supply Company's store at Tarr, spent Sunday with his parents at this place.

Miss Tiff Minnie of Connelville was here yesterday as the guest of her friend, Miss Theresa Daily.

W. Johns of Vanderhill spent Sunday at this place.

John Wilhelm, who formerly conducted a restaurant on Woodvale street, but who for the past few months has been in the grocery business, purchased the restaurant of John Whiskey. Mr. Whiskey has been in the business only a short time, but has built up a large trade. Ill health caused Mr. Whiskey to sell out.

Dr. J. C. McClenathan of Connelville was a professional visitor here Sunday.

Michael Sweeney, employed by the Dunbar Furnace Company, was stricken with paralysis on Wednesday of last week. Mr. Sweeney arose and was preparing for work when he received the stroke. He fell to the floor, his entire left side being paralyzed. Dr. Colley was called in and did all possible for the stricken man. Up until Sunday his condition was very little improved.

#### SMITHFIELD.

##### Chatty Letter From the Metropolis of the Georges Township.

SMITHFIELD, Dec. 15.—The Misses Eleanor and Mahel Woodfill of Rubio were in town Saturday shopping. Eleanor was in the buggy with her father, C. C. Woodfill, Monday, when his horse ran off and threw them out in the mud. She was considerably shaken up, having the side of her face scratched and a shoulder bruised. Her father was not hurt.

John H. Moser of Anderson's Cigar Roads was at the station Saturday after a load of merchandise for his holiday trade.

George Mosier and son-in-law, John Moore, of Springhill township, were transacting business in the Metropolis of the Georges on Saturday.

James R. Smith, convicted of felonious shooting, fulfilled a promise made to John Davis, who was buried here last Friday, by which Davis became his beneficiary to the amount of \$2,000. Smith some time before he sold his coal at \$2,800 an acre told Davis that if he sold his coal at \$2,000 an acre he would give him \$2,000. After making the sale Davis met him in Uniontown and reminded him of his promise, whereupon Smith gave him \$500 in cash and his note for \$1,500.

T. R. Lynch has resigned his position as store manager of the Penn Supply Company to accept a similar position with the Caruthers Coal & Coke Company near New Salem. A handsome increase of salary was the inducement. He goes to his new place January 15.

The stockholders of the local gas company have received their check from the Greensboro Gas Company, who bought the product of the two wells belonging to the Home company at four cents per thousand. The check was for \$190, being for one month's production of the two wells. The Home company refused to accept it, claiming the amount should have been \$1,200 or thereabouts. The Home company threatened to shut off the gas pending an investigation. A litigation is likely to grow out of the matter. John Dolan of Waynesburg, an expert in gas, was here Saturday and in company with representatives of the Home company went to the wells to read the meter. On his report will depend the action of the local company in the matter.

#### TWO GOOD SHOWS.

##### Eva Tanguay and the College Widow.

Lively, bounding Eva Tanguay is the attraction at the Colonial Theatre Tuesday, December 19, matinee and night, when she will appear in a new play called "A Good Fellow." She is said to be just the same rollicking, jumping creature as she was in the "Sambo Girl," and that her new play affords her many more opportunities for the exploitation of her charmingly eccentric talents.

Tanguay has always been a comedienne of originality. She is on the top of the word as thrilling and thrilling what are said to be the most uproariously funny situations of the piece.

Of the topics handled with good natured satire in "The College Widow" the craze for football success at any cost is the most prominent. When Ade's comedy is seen at the Colonial Theatre Monday evening, December 18, the observers will note that the male points leading to recent football agitation are caricatured in the play. The recruiting system is held up to gentle ridicule by the discovery of a 215 pound candidate for "the line" who is working in a foundry. He is persuaded to go to Alwater and take four hours of art a week which makes him eligible for center rush. Silent Murphy is the giant student, who is coached to tell "prexy" that his eyes failed him in high school.

Your Boy's Future. Start the boy right and there'll be no trouble about the man. The important thing is thrift. Teach him to save. Show him the cumulative force of interest-bearing money. Start a bank account for him for Christmas and let him watch the deposit grow. One dollar is enough to begin with. Four per cent interest, compounded semi-annually. The Citizens National Bank, Pittsburgh street, Connelville, Pa.

#### PERRYOPOLIS.

##### Paragraphs From Famous Old Village.

Washington laid out PERRYOPOLIS, Dec. 17.—J. F. Towns, proprietor of the Perryopolis bakery, is in Uniontown this week doing jury duty.

W. S. Strickler, our postmaster, was transacting business in Uniontown on Saturday.

Miss Althea Koffer, Miss Mae McKee, Miss Emma Townsend, M. W. Byers, Prof. J. B. Snyder, N. S. Byers, C. C. Ilvombach and Stewart Townsend, all of town, are attending the County Teachers' Institute in Uniontown this week.

Grant Dyer and Isaac Blair of Vanderhill were guests of their brother, Ira, of town on Sunday.

Miss Don Walters and Miss or James Walters of Vanderhill are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mai in for a few days.

The box social held under the auspices of the High School on Friday evening for the benefit of the library fund, was a grand success, both socially and financially. The proceeds amounted to about one hundred dollars.

Miss Beatrice Nelsmanner of Meadon, Westmoreland county, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Shetler.

Miss Linda Anderson of Jackson was shopping in town on Sunday.

Miss Gertrude Russell of Vanderhill spent Sunday as the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Russell, of town.

WEST VIRGINIA CHARTERS.

Uniontown People Interested in New Mountain State Company.

The Connelville-Fairmont Coal & Coke Company, of Uniontown, chief works at Marion county, W. Va., has been chartered with \$100,000 capital. The incorporators are John C. Shaw, H. S. McKinnis, E. M. Donald, W. K. Burke and E. C. Rucks, all of Uniontown.

The Marsh Coal & Coke Company, of Fairmont, W. Va., chief works in Harrison county, W. Va., has also been chartered, to acquire coal lands and mine, develop and operate same, construct buildings, railroads, etc., and deal in general merchandise. Capital, \$200,000, of which \$500 has been subscribed and \$50 paid. Incorporators, J. Clarence Hall, H. J. McElroy, J. F. Straight, H. J. Ross and H. Sanple, all of Fairmont.

Bridgeport.

BRIDGEPORT, Dec. 17.—Charles Seligman is seriously ill with typhoid fever.

Preaching was held in the Evangelical Church Sunday at 2:30.

Madam May.

The famous palmist is stopping at the Youth House. Those who wish to consult her please call at once, as she will only be here a few days.

Holiday Goods at Headquarters.

Diamond Rings, \$5 and up. Diamond Brooches, \$5 and up. Signet Rings, \$1.50 and up. Bracelets, \$1 and up. Jewel Cases, \$1.50 and up. Watches, \$1.00 and up. Toilet Sets, Comb, Brush and Mirror, \$3 and up.

We have the largest stock of gold and silver jewelry in this city, not only in fine, high grade jewelry, but also in gold and silver watches, clocks, cut glass, china, etc. Goods Novelties.

A. B. KURTZ, Jeweler.

331 Main Street, Connelville.

Santa Claus will deliver for us till Xmas

### I Will Select My Gifts From This List

Pin Cushions  
Jewel Caskets  
Hair Receivers  
Baby Dolls  
Teddy Bears  
Fancy Waist-Patterns  
Umbrellas  
Work Baskets  
Bath Robes  
Fancy Vests  
Neckwear  
Kid Gloves  
Ladies' Furs  
Evening Waists  
Opera Coats  
Tailored Suits  
Lace Waists  
Silk Petticoats



Santa Claus will deliver for us till Xmas

### I Will Select My Gifts From This List

Fancy Combs  
Belt Pins  
Powder Puffs  
Beaded Purses  
Leather Purses  
Hat Pins  
Hosiery  
Fancy Fans  
Fancy Garters  
Opera Bags  
Handkerchiefs  
Fancy Cushions  
Fancy Linens  
Slippers  
Leggings  
Pictures  
Military Sets  
Brushes  
Cloaks

### HE'D LIKE COLLARS FOR CHRISTMAS

Make your present most useful—give him collars. Good collars are the most appropriate and acceptable gift you can give a man. And when they come packed in a beautiful colored collar-box, like the Triangle Linen Collars we are selling this Christmas, the present is doubly appreciated.

#### Umbrellas

You will not need to look farther than The Big Store for an Xmas gift in the form of a nice umbrella for your gentleman friends. Any man would be glad to get one of our beautiful new umbrellas. Prices range from \$4.00 all the way down to 93c.

#### Neckwear

Superior is the expression of many to all other showings of neckwear in this city. Beautiful new cravats of high merit and prices just right. Buy any gentleman a new tie. He will appreciate it if it is selected from our stock.

## Do Your Christmas Shopping Early

While Stocks Are Complete and Avoid the Extreme Crowds of This Week is a Timely Hint From The Big Store.

We are always on the alert to serve our customers BEST first by suggesting to them to buy early while the selections are complete, and avoid the rush that is sure to be here this week. Not that we are not able to serve you at any time, but that we can look after the wants of our customers better and give them the personal attention due them, and it will be to your own comfort and satisfaction by coming to The Big Store.

Tomorrow to Select Your Gifts.

### Gifts for Ladies

What lady is there that would not be delighted to receive one of the following articles and be delighted that such good judgment was used in the selection?

A HANDSOME FUR SET,  
A BEAUTIFUL TAILORED SUIT,  
A WARM, STYLISH COAT,  
A FANCY WAIST FOR EVENING,  
A SILK PETTICOAT,  
A GOOD, SERVICEABLE SKIRT.



### Gifts for Men

Any of the following articles will be gladly welcomed by any one as a gift on Xmas Day. The Big store is full of them. Come in early.

A NEAT, HANDY HOUSE COAT,  
A COMFORTABLE BATH ROBE,  
A NEW DRESS SUIT,  
A STYLISH, NATTY TOP COAT,  
A GOOD, WARM OVER-COAT,  
A NEW PAIR OF TROUSERS,  
A FANCY VEST.

## Give HER a Dainty Box of Delicious Candy.

How to please her best? That's the question. And it really isn't hard to answer. In fact, we have the answer here in one of our show cases. We have a number of answers to the same question. Handsome boxes of pure, delicious chocolates, the creamy, tasty kind that melt in the mouth—gems of the candy-makers' art. There is nothing that will please her better. You'll find that out when you get her thanks. They're priced at 25c to \$10.00. Our candied fruits are exquisite.

**SAM F. HOOD,**

Tri-State 'Phone 471.

113 W. Main St.,

Connelville.

### Books for Gifts

The Honorable Peter Sterling  
Byron's Poems  
Whittier's Poems  
Vanity Fair  
When Knighthood Was in Flower  
The Hoosier School Master  
The Leopard Spots  
The Pit  
Alfonse and Gaston  
Jimmy, by Swinnerton  
Peck's Bad Boy  
Paintings, Plays, &c  
The Katzenjammer Kids  
Mother Goose Stories  
Foxy Grandpa  
Buster Brown  
All Prices.

### Teddy Bears Galore



They will bear more knocks by the youngsters and not be broken and cause injury to the little tots than any other toy. Our stock is complete in all sizes and colors. Every child clamors for a Teddy Bear.

\$5 Down to \$1

### Fancy Bricabrac

We have just placed on display an immense line of fancy statuary suitable for Xmas gifts. The following subjects are in the showing:

The Cherry Boy,  
Hiawatha,  
The Charmer,  
Calla,  
Iris,  
Fancy Steins,  
Lemonade Sets,

All at prices below any one else in town

NOTICE.—The Big Store, in order to accommodate those who wish to do their Christmas shopping after supper, we will keep the store open every evening to 8:30. On Saturday evening to 10:00 P. M.

**Mace & Company,**

Where you always get your money's worth

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## LOGIC AND LIBERTY.

George R. Kirkpatrick's Talk  
to Socialists on Sunday  
Evening.

### GOOD AUDIENCE IN RUTSEK HALL

Says There is Neither Argument Nor  
Good Manners in Mudslinging—Keep  
Good Humor and Be Mutually Cour-  
teous.

A large and enthusiastic audience greeted Prof. George R. Kirkpatrick in Rutsek hall last evening when he arose to deliver his stirring and eloquent lecture, "Logic and Liberty." Mr. Kirkpatrick is a man of commanding presence, a magnetic, sincere and convincing speaker and certainly one of the fairest and best platform orators in the Socialist movement. His lively sallies of wit and humor and his unqualified sincerity won for him prolonged and frequent applause. John Mitchell, in a few brief sentences, introduced Mr. Kirkpatrick, who said in part:

"There are two kinds of property classified with reference to use; namely, personal private use property, and property used as a means of production. The second class of property, means of production, is of a social nature. For example, society uses the railroad, the flour mill, the coal and furniture factory, etc. Capitalization, the present industrial system is:

1. The private ownership of the chief material means of production.
2. The private control of the means of production.
3. The management and operation of industry for profit, and therefore for the special benefit of those who live on profits, the capitalists.
4. The consequent division of society into two classes, the class that owns the means of production and the class hired for wages, to use the means of production.

"The Socialists propose the industrial reconstruction as follows:

1. Social ownership of the means of production.
2. The social control of the means of production.
3. The management and operation of industry primarily for use rather than profits.
4. The equal opportunity of all to use the means of production, each to receive the full value of his or her labor undiminished by rent, interest or profit.
5. The consequent mutualism in industry, no master class and no dependent class.

"Under the new order the individual can live his own family, private life and his own private religious life; but in industry we shall have industrial democracy. We shall no more divide up the factory than we now divide up the public park; and this socialization of industry will not be anarchy any more than the social ownership of the public library is anarchy and to inaugurate, defend and operate these new doctrines requires a political party in power committed to these doctrines. No amount of harsh talk or swearing or complaining or whining will do any good. There is neither argument nor good manners in mudslinging in discussing Socialism or anything else, and we should keep in a good humor, be mutually courteous, study what is wrong and how to right it. There are splendid things ahead for mankind. Let us all work for it without hate, without jealousy. Let us be brothers."

The Professor speaks at Hyndman tonight and in Scottdale Tuesday evening.

### FIRE AT MUTUAL.

Frick Shops and Supply House Go Up in Smoke.

MUTUAL, Dec. 17.—Fire, thought to have been started by tramps, totally destroyed the blacksmith shop and supply house of the H. C. Frick mines here Saturday night at 11:45 o'clock. The fire was discovered soon after it started, but owing to the inflammable nature of the two buildings it could not be handled.

A bucket brigade directed its efforts towards saving adjacent mine buildings and the shaft. The loss will reach \$2,000, being fully covered by insurance. Superintendent Robert Ramsey is trying to find out who started the fire.

### WANTS \$3,000,000 MORE.

State Highway Commissioner Will Ask for Big Appropriation.

HARRISBURG, Dec. 17.—State Highway Commissioner Hunter will make an effort to secure an additional appropriation of \$3,000,000 by the next Legislature for the "good roads" movement in Pennsylvania.

It is proposed by the Commissioner to use this sum in connection with the \$1,000,000 allotment for the next two years out of the fund of \$6,500,000 appropriated by the Legislature of 1905, for a period covering six years.

### GUILTY AND NOT GUILTY.

After Zoridic Ran a Gambling House, But Didn't Sell Liquor.

Peter Zoridic of Youngstown, North Union township, was tried on Friday, charged with running a gambling house and providing liquid refreshment inside the building. It was alleged that several men were in the habit of gathering there and squandering their wages. The jury convicted him of running the gambling house, but acquitted him of the charge of selling liquor. In the latter case, however, they put the costs on him.

Get a copy of The Sunday Courier.

### NEAR-BY NOTES.

Items of Interest from Neighboring Towns Put into Paragraphs.

Charlottesville will be asked again to vote on a proposition to issue bonds for the erection of additional school buildings. At three successive elections similar propositions have been defeated at the polls.

West Virginia proposes to enact a law forbidding the pumping of natural gas outside the State limits. A similar law was defeated two years ago.

Wilmington has added a chemical engine to its fire-fighting equipment. Illuminated Christmas covers are appearing on the country weeklies.

### VARIED WEATHER.

Sunday Was Dreary and Wet and Last Night Rain Turned to Snow. Fall in Mountains.

Within the last forty-eight there have been many and varied changes in the weather. All day Sunday a mean drizzling rain fell. The atmosphere could not have been chillier and the day could not have been more dreary. Saturday night was also bad and undrunk the streets were in bad condition for the throng of Christmas shoppers out.

Later last night or early this morning snow began to fall. It is too heavy and the thermometer is not quite low enough for it to pile up, unless it is in the mountain district, where there has been a heavier fall. On top of the ridge there were about five inches of snow this morning.

The rain and snow combined made rails bad on both the trolley and steam railways and there was some delay in schedules. Baltimore & Ohio trains, however, were on time this morning.

The changeable weather of the past week or ten days has resulted in much sickness in and about Conneltsville. The physicians have been kept busy day and night. Scores of older persons and children are laid up with bad colds and bronchitis.

### Card of Thanks.

The family of the late Adam Kock wish to extend their heartfelt thanks to their friends who assisted them in their late bereavement, especially to the following societies: D. O. H.; D. L. K.; and G. B. U., and the Ladies of the D. L. K.

### Mrs. Hays' Funeral.

A special funeral car was run to Mt. Pleasant this morning over the West Penn Railway Company, carrying the body of Mrs. Hannah Hays of New Haven, who died on Saturday. Interment will take place at Donegal today.



### A Useful Present.

No matter what other gifts take your fancy, you can do nothing wiser than to give

### SHOES OR SLIPPERS.

There isn't a variety under the sun that is not represented in our assortment. How some gifts will please, you can only guess; but our Shoes will be acceptable without being told.

J. G. Gorman J. W. Buttermore

## Gorman & Co.

Sell Good Shoes Cheap.

### The Satisfaction of Getting 4%

Compound Interest on your money, and the sense of security you feel in having it deposited in this strong bank, is sufficient incentive to bank here no matter where you live.

Capital and Surplus,  
\$225,000

JOS. R. STAUFFER, Pres.

## The Scottdale Bank,

SCOTTDALE, - PA.



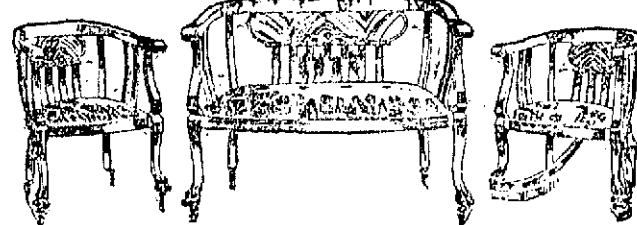
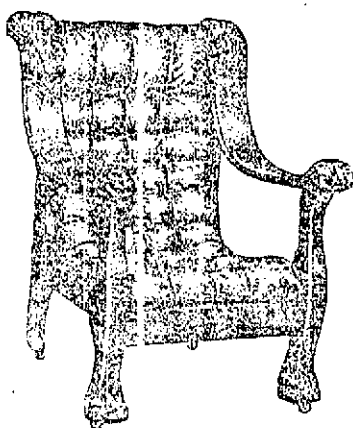
Special Turkish Leather Rocker.

Exactly like illustration. The most luxurious rocker ever made. It is upholstered in genuine leather, tufted and fitted in an artistic manner. A splendid holiday gift. **\$31.50**

## Extraordinary Display of Christmas Novelties in Furniture

Arranged to Save Your Time,  
Priced to Save You Money!

A half hour or an hour in this store will bring you more satisfaction and settle more Christmas questions than in any other in the city. It is something of an art to arrange an immense stock of goods so that the customer can index it in a few moments—but we have accomplished it and the result is unique. This time saving feature added to our price saving, plus our celebrated easy payment plan, is as close to the ideal shopping arrangement as one could wish. *Note These Extra Special Values:*



Chippendale Parlor Suit.

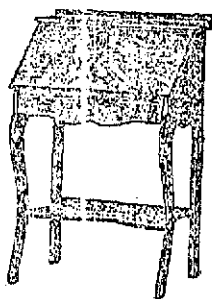
Exactly as illustrated. A parlor suit of most artistic design and careful detail. The frame is a copy of an imported suit, is made of fine grain birch mahogany, finished with genuine mahogany panels. It is a piano polish throughout. The pieces are all large, consisting of divan, large arm chair and large arm rocker. The seats are carefully upholstered with our guaranteed steel spring construction and covered in selected Verona Velours. Special price..... **\$31.00**

Terms \$3.00 cash, \$2.50 monthly.

Aaron's Genuine Leather "Sleepy Hollow" Arm Chair and Rocker.

It is built for hand work of the very highest grade materials by skilled and competent workmen. The frame work consists of selected quartered sawed oak. The heavy front legs terminate in heavy claw feet. Front of arms consists of artistically carved heads, and toes are adorned with magnificent carvings. The upholstering is continuous from front of seat to top of back. Upholstered in genuine leather. Special for Rocker or Chair, **\$17.50**

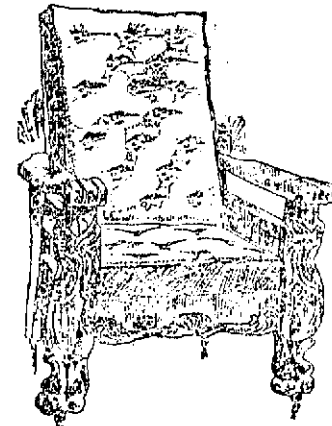
Terms: \$3.00 down and \$1 Weekly.



Combination Bookcase.

As shown in the illustration; solid oak, highly polished; has adjustable shelves, bevel plate mirror; handsome carvings, large desk and three manuscript drawers, a bargain. Special..... **\$14.75**

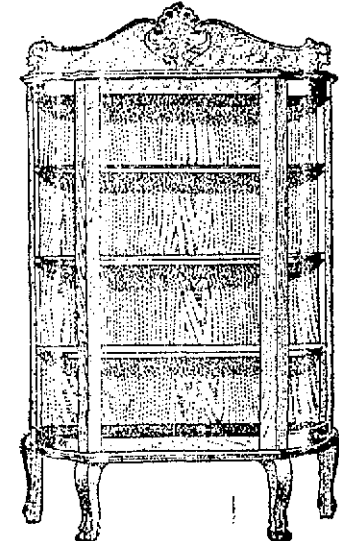
\$1.00 Cash; \$1.00 Monthly.



Massive Morris Chair.

The frame is made of solid oak, beautifully quarter sawed and highly polished. The carvings are deep cut and massive, the cushions are reversible and come in assorted velours. Has full spring seat and back can be adjusted to any desired position. Special..... **\$8.75**

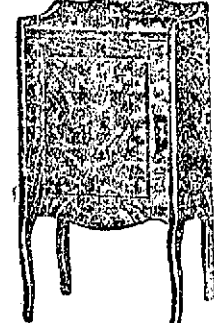
Terms \$1.00 Cash; \$1.00 Monthly



Aaron's Special China Closet.

Exactly like illustration. This china closet is made throughout of solid quarter-sawed oak, well made and highly finished. It has bent glass ends of double strength and double strength glass door. The strip across the top is neatly carved. Special price..... **\$13.75**

Term: on this China Closet; \$1.00 Cash, \$1 Monthly.



Aaron's Music Cabinet

Exactly like illustration, made of birch mahogany, well constructed and finished, has numerous shelves for music. Special price only..... **\$4.95**

For a Christmas Gift Send The Sunday Courier.

## From the Upper Yough Region.

### OHIO-PYLE.

#### Notes From the Little Mountain Resort Up the Yough.

OHIO-PYLE, Dec. 17.—J. Butler left yesterday for the Yough Metropolis, where he expects to spend a few days as the guest of relatives.

Joseph O'Connor of Conneltsville paid our town a short visit yesterday.

Eva Collins, a school teacher of near here, left yesterday to attend the institute at Uniontown.

Home Bailey, a B. & O. electrician, was looking after the interests of the company here yesterday.

Don't forget to hand your Santa Claus letters to the carrier.

Mr. Chequet of Uniontown arrived here yesterday to spend a few days looking after the affairs of the State road.

At last the holidays are here. Now is the time to subscribe for The Courier as Christmas gifts for your friends.

Miss Helen Mitchell, the Elwell school teacher, left yesterday to attend the institute at Uniontown.

Yough Branch was a Conference business center yesterday.

William Wilkey and Ewing Kennedy married last Saturday at Uniontown, where they have been on the jury for the past week.

W. C. Hinkle, the Uniontown picture dealer, who has been here for a few weeks, spent Sunday at his home.

Thomas McIntyre, the B. & O. operator at Uniontown, left Saturday for his home in Springdale, Ill., where he expects to spend the holidays. Mr. McIntyre is a successful business man here and all wish him a pleasant trip on his vacation.

Miss Ethel Morrison left yesterday to spend a few days as the guest of Conneltsville friends and relatives.

Lewis Hurlingham was visiting friends in town yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Boyer left Saturday for their homes in Washington, D. C., where they expect to spend the holidays.

Prof. E. O. Bruner, formerly of this place, now of the University of Chicago, was shaking hands with friends here Saturday. He returned Saturday afternoon.

George Shipley shipped a car load of lumber to New York on Saturday.

The remains of Mrs. Samuel Taylor, who died in the Mercy Hospital at Pittsburgh on Thursday night, were interred in the Bryn Mawr Cemetery yesterday afternoon. Many friends of the deceased followed the remains to the grave.

Train No. 15 arrived at this place yesterday about 10 o'clock late and having a large amount of expressage to exchange the baggage went a short distance up the track, thinking they would load all the express, but instead they pulled out, leaving him behind and was compelled to wait for No. 10.

Miss Aaron Morris of Belle Grove left Saturday for Uniontown, where she expects to attend the institute all this week.

Joseph Skinner, a B. & O. brakeman, who has been spending the past week as the guest of relatives here, left for Cumberland Saturday.

W. R. Johnson spent Sunday at his home here.

C. E. Kelly, a B. & O. operator, spent a few hours in Conneltsville on Saturday.

Mrs. J. W. Holt left Saturday for Conneltsville, where she expects to spend a few days as the guest of relatives.

The County Club at Bear Run had a car of snowdrift shipped to the club house from Uniontown on Saturday.

Thomas Bailey of White Corners spent a few hours in town Sunday.

George H. Shober, the B. & O. agent at this place, spent Sunday at his home at Dickerson Run.

Miss Gaudin Abney was shopping in town Saturday.

W. A. Metzler, a P. & O. officer, was looking after the interests of the company here Saturday.

Alonso Stark, the Bear Run storekeeper, spent Sunday at his home.

Lewis Schumacher was a Conneltsville business caller Saturday.

### CONFLUENCE.

#### Interesting Items From Somerset County's Hustling Town.

CONFLUENCE, Dec. 16.—A fire that did \$1,000 damage occurred at Conneltsville at 12 o'clock Saturday night. The stable of Mrs. Ed. Abbott was burned, a quantity of feed being consumed in the blaze. The fire is thought to be of incendiary origin. The stable of William Flanagan of Confluence also burned Friday, cause unknown.

Mrs. Silas Porterfield is still confined to her room from the accident which happened a few days ago.

George Phillips, yardmaster and shipping clerk for the White's Creek Lumber Company, was home over Sunday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Phillips.

Miss Zula Goller of Harnedsville was in town Saturday morning. She is Lower Turkeyfoot township school teacher.

Mrs. E. L. McDonald, who was visiting in Brownsville, returned to her home Sunday.

The Morrison Music Company have opened a store room here. Oran Kuntner is the manager.

We enjoyed some typical spring weather today. Winter is anxiously looked for.

A wildcat which was brought to this place today for shipment attracted a great deal of attention. It is not often we have the privilege of seeing one.

A force of men were busy Saturday putting water into the houses in Seven Row.

The school children are anxiously awaiting the decision as to whether they will be given a week's vacation. It will be known soon.

Miss Mame Smith, bookkeeper at her brother's grocery store in Conneltsville, was home visiting her mother over Sunday.

W. R. Thoms of Oden street moved to Water street Saturday into one of A. G. Hinkle's houses.

Leo Stewart, who had been visiting at his sister's, Mrs. M. B. Mitchell, the past few days, returned to his home at Layton last evening.

L. Fish, manager of a saw mill at Friendsville, was home over Sunday with his family.

Cyrus Sanner, telegraph operator and agent at Friendsville, spent Sunday here with his family. Mr. Sanner is thinking of moving to Friendsville in the near future.

P. S. Krieger, farmer and cattle dealer of Turkeyfoot township, was in Conneltsville on business Friday and returned home Saturday morning.

Adam Nickelson, a farmer of near Drakstown, was in town Saturday on business.

C. C. Silbaugh of Drakstown, Tax Collector of Turkeyfoot township, was transacting business in town Saturday.

Harry Daniels, the Harnedsville nurseryman, was circulating in town a few hours Saturday.

Miss Mabel Shank of Oakland is visiting her sister, Mrs. Samuel Downs, for a few days.

Wesley Tisue of Morgantown, W. Va., and Joseph Thies of White Corners were visiting their brother, Grant Tisue, a few days.

sure, a few days, leaving for their home Sunday evening.

Mrs. Mary Bush and daughter, eight years old, of New York State, are now making their home with Joseph Krieger. Mrs. Bush says she likes the State of Pennsylvania, but does not like to make her home in town.

### ROCKWOOD.

#### Bright Paragraphs From the Big Somerset County Borough.

ROCKWOOD, Dec. 17.—W. S. Lynn of Pittsburgh, one of the promoters of the Rockwood Brewing Company, was in town on Saturday inspecting the work so far done. He remained in town over Sunday.

Several days the latter part of last week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emma R. Parker, of West Rockwood.

Miss Lottie Kipp is spending several weeks among friends and relatives in Pittsburgh and neighboring cities.

Mrs. Catherine A. Kitchin, an aged lady of Millford township, died on Saturday morning after a long illness. Her death was due to dropsy and other ailments common to old age.

The funeral of C. C. Brinkman yesterday forenoon was one of the largest in the history of Rockwood, notwithstanding the deplorable condition of the roads.

Rev. W. H. Landis preached the funeral sermon, which was a very able and effective discourse. The T. O. O. P. and K. of P. clubs sent large delegations to the funeral. The first prospects to their departed brother.

The Rockwood Fire Company was formerly organized at a meeting held in the municipal building last Friday night. George L. Deatty was elected Chief. Another meeting will be held next Wednesday night, at which time all other matters will be decided.

Trace Kitchin of McKeesport, who had come here to attend the funeral of his mother, while driving down the hill east of town commonly known as Poverty Hill, was thrown under the wheel of his buggy, on which a coupling broke. He was not injured, but was thoroughly plastered with mud.

### Railroad Time Tables.

#### BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD.

Schedule Effective Nov. 25, 1906.

For CHICAGO.—2:20 and 8:00 P. M. daily.

For CINCINNATI, ST. LOUIS and LOUISVILLE VIA PITTSBURG.—5:00 A. M. and 7:10 P. M. daily.

For PITTSBURG.—Week days, 5:00, 7:15, 10:15 A. M.; 5:20, 5:10, 8:30 P. M. Sundays, 7:15, 11:15 A. M. and 8:30 P. M.

For WASHINGTON, PA., and WHEELING.—Week days, 5:00, 10:15 A. M., 5:20 and 8:00 P. M. Sundays, 5:40 A. M.; 8:20 and 8:00 P. M.

For PLEASANT.—Week days, 10:25 A. M.

For UNIONTOWN.—Week days, 10:00 A. M.; 4:25 and 6:50 P. M. Sundays, 10:00 A. M. and 6:50 P. M.

For MORGANTOWN and FAIRMONT.—Week day, 10:00 A. M.; 4:25 and 6:50 P. M. Sundays, 10:00 A. M. and 6:50 P. M.

For BUTLER, N. Y., and CLEVELAND.—Week days, 7:15, 10:15 A. M., 5:20, 8:10, 8:35 and 8:00 P. M.

For WASHINGTON, PA., and WHEELING.—Week days, 5:00, 10:15 A. M., 5:20 and 8:00 P. M. Sundays, 5:40 A. M.; 8:20 and 8:00 P. M.

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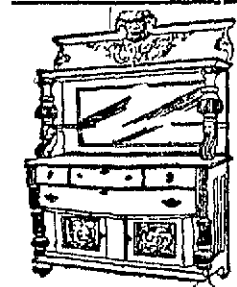
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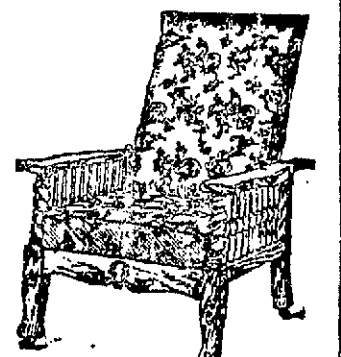
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## PRESIDENT'S PANAMA CANAL MESSAGE.

President Roosevelt transmitted to Congress a special message giving the results of his observations during his recent inspection of the Panama canal work and his recommendations thereon. The message was accompanied by photographs taken on the isthmus and by various official reports, mortality tables, etc.

Beginning with his arrival at Colon on the battleship Louisiana, 2:30 p. m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, the president said:

I was three days ashore—not a sufficient length of time to allow of an exhaustive investigation of the minutiae of the work of any single department, still less to pass judgment on the engineering problems, but enough to enable me to get a clear idea of the salient features of the great work and of the progress that has been made as regards the sanitation of the zone, Colon and Panama, the caring for and housing of the employees and the actual digging of the canal. The zone is a narrow strip of land, and it can be inspected much as one can inspect fifty or sixty miles of a great railway at the point where it runs through mountains.

I chose the month of November for my visit partly because it is the rainiest month of the year, the month in which the work goes forward at the greatest disadvantage and one of the two months which the French Canal company found most unwholesome. Immediately after we anchored there was a violent storm of wind and rain. From that time we did not again see the sun until Saturday morning. It would have been impossible to see the work going on under more unfavorable weather conditions.

**First Day Ashore.**  
On Thursday morning we landed at about half past 7 and went slowly over the line of the Panama railway, ending with an expedition in a trolley at the Pacific entrance of the canal out to the islands where the dredging for the canal will cease. We took our dinner at one of the eating houses furnished by the commission for the use of the government employees, no warning of our coming being given. I inspected the Ancon hospital, going through various wards both for white patients and for colored patients. I inspected portions of the zone police, examining the men individually. I also examined certain of the schools and saw the school children, both white and colored, speaking with certain of the teachers. In the afternoon of this day I was formally received in Panama by President Amador, who, together with the government and all the people of Panama, treated me with the most considerate courtesy, for which I hereby extend my thanks. We slept at the Hotel Tiroli, at Ancon, which is on a hill directly outside of the city of Panama, but in the zone.

**Second Day.**  
On Friday morning we left the hotel at 7 o'clock and spent the entire day going through the Culebra cut, the spot in which most work will have to be done in any event. We watched the different steam shovels blasting; we saw the drilling and blasting; we saw many of the dirt trains of the two different types used, both carrying the earth away from the steam shovels and depositing it on the dumps, some of the dumps being run out in the jungle merely to get rid of the earth while some of the dumps are being used for double tracking the railway and in preparing to build the great dams. I visited many different villages, inspecting thoroughly many different buildings, the local receiving hospitals, the houses in which the unmarried white workmen live, those in which the unmarried colored workmen live, also the quarters of the white married employees and of the married colored employees as well as the commissary stores, the bathhouses, the water closets, the cook sheds for the colored laborers and the government canteens, or hotels, in which most of the white employees take their meals. I went through the machine shops, I talked with scores of men—superintendents and heads of departments, divisions and bureaus, steam shovel men, machinists, conductors, engineers, clerks, wives of the American employees, health officers, colored laborers, colored attendants and managers of the commissary stores. In the evening I had an interview with the British consul, Mr. Mallot, and the French consul, Mr. Gey. I saw the lieutenant, the chief executive and administrative officers under the engineering and sanitary departments. I also saw and had long talks with two divisions—one of machinists and one representing the railway men of the dirt trains—listening to what they had to say as to the rate of pay and various other matters and going over as much in detail as possible all the different questions they brought up. As to some matters I was able to meet their wishes; other requests I refused; as to yet others I reserved judgment.

**Third Day.**  
On Saturday morning we started at 8 o'clock from the hotel. We went through the Culebra cut, stopping off to see the marines and also to investigate certain towns—one, of white employees, as to which in certain respects complaint had been made to me, and

another town where I wanted to see certain houses of the colored employees. We went over the site of the proposed Gatun dam, having on the first day inspected the sites of the proposed La Boca and Sosa dams. We went out on a little toy railway to the reservoir, which had been built to supply the People of Colon with water for their houses. There we took lunch at the engineers' mess. We then went through the stores and shops of Cristobal, inspecting carefully the houses of both the white and colored employees, married and unmarried, together with the other buildings. We then went to Colon and saw the fire department at work. In four minutes from the signal the engines had come down to Front street and twenty-one two and a half inch hose pipes were raising streams of water seventy-five feet high. We rode about Colon, through the various streets, paved, unpaved and in process of paving, looking at the ditches, sewers, curbing and the lights. I then went over the Colon hospital in order to compare it with the temporary town or field receiving hospital which I had already seen and inspected. I also inspected some of the dwellings of the employees. In the evening I attended a reception given by the American employees on the isthmus, which took place on one of the docks in Colon, and from there went aboard the Louisiana.

Each day from twelve to eighteen hours were spent in going over and inspecting all there was to be seen and in examining various employees.

**What the French Left.**  
At the outset I wish to pay a tribute to the amount of work done by the French Canal company under very difficult circumstances. Many of the buildings they put up were excellent and are still in use, though naturally the houses are now getting out of repair, and much of the work they did in the Culebra cut and some of the work they did in digging have been of direct and real benefit. This country has never made a better investment than the \$40,000,000 which it paid to the French company for work and betterments, including especially the Panama railroad.

An inspection on the ground at the height of the rainy season served to convince me of the wisdom of Congress in refusing to adopt either a high level or a sea level canal. There seems to be a universal agreement among the people competent to judge that the Panama route, the one actually chosen, is much superior to both the Nicaragua and Darien routes.

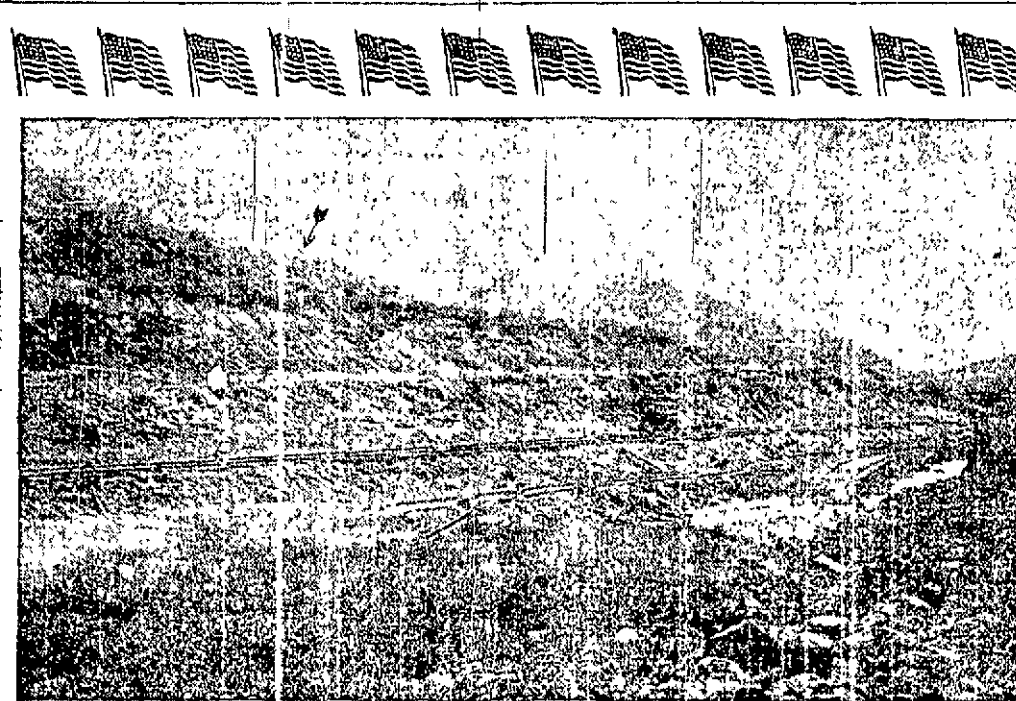
**Preliminary Work.**  
The wisdom of the canal management has been shown in nothing more clearly than in the way in which the foundations of the work have been laid. The first great problem to be solved, upon the solution of which the success of the rest of the work depended, was the problem of sanitation. This was from the outset under the direction of Dr. W. C. Gorgas, who is to be made a full member of the commission. The result has been astounding. The isthmus had been a byword for deadly unhealthfulness. Now, after two years of our occupation, the conditions as regards sickness and the death rate compare favorably with reasonably healthy localities in the United States. Special care has been devoted to minimizing the risk due to those species of mosquitoes which have been found to propagate malarial and yellow fevers. Everywhere one is to see the drainage ditches which have removed the breeding places of the mosquitoes, while the whole jungle is cut away for a considerable space around the habitations, thus destroying the places in which the mosquitoes take shelter.

**Sanitary Conditions.**  
As a matter of fact, but a single mosquito, and this not of the dangerous species, was seen by any member of our party during my three days on the isthmus. Equal care is taken by the inspectors of the health department to secure cleanliness in the houses and proper hygienic conditions of the quarters.

I inspected the large hospitals at Ancon and Colon, which are excellent examples of what tropical hospitals should be. I also inspected the receiving hospitals in various settlements. I went through a number of the wards in which the colored men are treated, a number of these being for white men. Both white men and black men are treated exactly alike, and their treatment is as good as that which could be obtained in our first class hospitals at home.

**Health Showing Remarkably Good.**  
In October there were ninety-nine deaths among the employees of the isthmus. There were thirty deaths among 6,500 whites, seven-eighths of them Americans. Of these whites but two died of disease, and neither was an American. Of the 6,000 white Americans, including some 1,200 women and children, not a single death has occurred in the past three months, whereas in an average city in the United States the number of deaths for a similar number of people in that time would have been about thirty from disease. This very remarkable showing cannot, of course, permanently obtain, but it certainly goes to prove that if good care is taken the isthmus is not a particularly unhealthy place.

Corozal, some four miles from La Boca, was formerly one of the most insanitary places on the isthmus, probably the most insanitary. There was a mass of filth in the middle of the town, and the houses were filthy and the brush there was piled up so that now, when I went over the ground, it appeared like a smooth meadow intersected by drainage ditches. The breeding places and sheltering spots of the dangerous mosquitoes had been completely destroyed. The result is that Corozal for the last six months like La Boca, which formerly also had a very insanitary record, had less than 1 per cent a week admitted to the hospital. At Corozal there is a big hotel filled with employees of the isthmian canal commission.



From photograph illustrating the president's Panama message.  
**CULEBRA CUT, SHOWING FRENCH AND AMERICAN LEVELS.**

The point where the two men are standing (indicated by an arrow) shows the level reached by the French diggers. The level at the motor car, sixty-five feet below, is the present American level.

tion, some of them with their wives and families. Yet this healthy and attractive spot was situated in a "dog valley" by one of the least scrupulous and most foolish of the profite-don't scoundrelmongers who from time to time have written about the commission's work.

In Panama 90 per cent of the streets that are to be paved at all are already paved with an excellent brick pavement. In February last temporary relief measures were taken, while in July the prosecution of the work was begun in good earnest. The results are already visible in the sewerage, drainage, gutting and paving of the streets.

The new reservoir back of Mount Sopha has been practically completed. I visited this reservoir. It is a lake over a mile long and half a mile broad. It now carries some 500,000,000 gallons of first class water. Water main have been laid in the town, and nothing but a cataclysm will hereafter render it necessary in the dry season to haul water for the use of Colon and Cristobal. One of the most amazing as well as dishonest attacks made upon the commission was in connection with this reservoir. The writer in question usually confined himself to vague generalities, but in this case he specifically stated that there was no water in the vicinity at a reservoir (I drank it, and it was excellent) and that this particular reservoir would never hold water anyway. With typical American humor, the engineering corps still at work at the reservoir have christened a large boat which is now used on the reservoir at the individual who denied the possibility of the reservoir's existence.

**Colon Features.**  
I rode through the streets of Colon after two days of almost unbroken downpour, when they were at their very worst. Taken as a whole, they were bad—had no drainage, no avenue in Washington before the war administration—but through the fourth of the town it is now possible to walk, even during the period of tremendous rain in low shoes without getting one's feet wet. The mud is carried away in the ditches. All upon to whom I spoke, were a unit in saying that the condition of Colon streets were 100 per cent better than a year ago. Complaint was made to me by an entirely reputable man as to the character of some of the material used for repaving certain streets. On investigation the complaint proved well founded, but it also appeared that the use of the material in question had been abandoned, the commission after having tried it in one or two streets finding it not profitable.

**Complaints Not Well Founded.**  
The result of the investigation of this honest complaint was typical of most of the other honest complaints made to me—that is, where the complaints were not made wantonly or maliciously they almost always proved due to failure to appreciate the utter inability of the commission to do everything at once.

In addition to attending to the health of the employees, it is necessary to provide for policing the zone. This is done by a police force which at present numbers over 200 men under Captain Shannon. About one-fifth of the men are white and the others black. In different places I questioned some twenty or thirty of these men, taking them at random. They were a fine set of fellows, well dressed, with no exception all the white men I questioned had served in the American army, usually in the Philippines, and belonged to the best type of American soldier. All the black policemen I questioned had served either in the British army or in the Jamaica or Barbados police. They were evidently contented and were doing their work well.

Inasmuch as many both of the white and colored employees have brought their families with them, schools have been established under Mr. McConner. For the white pupils white American

teachers are employed; for the colored pupils there are also some white American teachers, one Spanish teacher, and one colored American teacher, most of them being colored teachers from Jamaica, Barbados and St. Lucia. The schoolrooms were good, and it was a pleasant thing to see the pride that the teachers were taking in their work and their pupils.

**Many Saloons.**  
There seemed to me to be too many saloons in the zone, but the new liquor license law which goes into effect on Jan. 1 next will probably close four-fifths of them. Resolute and successful efforts are being made to minimize and control the sale of liquor.

**Care of Employees.**  
Next in importance to the problem of sanitation and indeed row of equal importance is the problem of securing and caring for the men who actually do the work. This great task has been under the control of Mr. Jackson Smith and has been well done. At present there are some 6,000 white employees and some 10,000 colored employees on the isthmus. I went over the different places where the different kinds of employees were working. I think I saw representatives of every type both at their work and in their homes, and I conversed with probably a couple of hundred of them all told, choosing them at random.

Nearly 5,000 of the white employees had come from the United States. No man can see these young, vigorous men unemotionally doing their duty without a thrill of pride in them as Americans. They represent on the average a high class of men, and I am sure that they will do well. The writer in question usually confined himself to vague generalities, but in this case he specifically stated that there was no water in the vicinity at a reservoir (I drank it, and it was excellent) and that this particular reservoir would never hold water anyway. With typical American humor, the engineering corps still at work at the reservoir have christened a large boat which is now used on the reservoir at the individual who denied the possibility of the reservoir's existence.

**Quarters Good and Satisfactory.**  
Some of the white Americans are employed in office work, but the majority are in building the great steam shovels, engineers and conductors on the dirt trains, as machinists in the great repair shops, as carpenters and time keepers, superintendents and foremen of divisions and of gangs, and so on, and so on. Many of them have brought their wives and families, and the children when not in school are much about and behaving properly as the American small boy and small girl behave at home. The mothers among the employees live sometimes in small separate houses, sometimes in large houses, quarters being furnished free to all, married and unmarried. In one case, where the house was an old French house with a leak in the roof, I did not think the accommodations were good. But in every other case among the scores of houses I entered at random the accommodations were good, every room was neat and clean, usually having books, magazines and small ornaments and, in short, just such a room as a self-respecting craftsman would be glad to live in at home.

The quarters for the married people were even better. Doubtless there must be here and there a married couple who, with or without reason, are not contented with their home on the isthmus but I never happened to strike such a couple.

**Food Satisfactory—Thirty Cent Meal.**  
The employees purchase their supplies directly on the isthmus through the commissary stores of the commission. All to whom I spoke agreed that the supplies were excellent, and all but two stated that there was no complaint to be made. These two complained that the prices were excessive as compared to prices in the States. On investigation I did not find that this complaint was well founded. The married men ate at home. The un-

married men sometimes ate at private boarding houses or private messes, but more often, judging by the numbers of those whom I questioned, at the government canteens, or hotels, where the meal cost 25 cents to each employee. This thirty cent meal struck me as being a good meal as we get in the United States, at the ordinary hotel in which a fifty cent meal is provided. I myself took dinner at the La Boca government hotel, to warming whatever having been given of my cooking. There were two rooms, as generally in these hotels. In one the employees were allowed to dine without their coats, while in the other they had to put them on. The thirty cent meal included soup, native beef (which was good), mashed potatoes, peas, beans, chili con carne, plain pudding, tea, coffee, each man having as much of each dish as he desired. On the table there was a bottle of liquid quinine tonic which two-thirds of the guests, as I was informed, used every day. There were neat tablecloths and napkins.

My meal was excellent, and two newspaper correspondents who had been on the isthmus several days informed me that it was precisely like the meals they had been getting elsewhere at other government hotels.

**No Cause for Complaint About Food.**  
I came to the conclusion that speaking generally, there was no warrant for complaint about the food, though doubtless it grows monotonous after awhile. Grumbling about food is a common trait everywhere. On this very trip on one of the warships I was taken to complain to the second watch officer about the quality of the food at the sea men's mess, saying that it was not sweet enough. It was pointed out to him that there was sugar on the table and he could always put it in, to which he responded that that was the cook's business and not his. I think that the complaint as to the food on the isthmus is but little more foundation than that of the sailor in question.

**Chinese and Other Labor.**  
Of the 10,000 or 20,000 day laborers employed on the canal a few hundred are Spaniards. These do excellent work. Their turnover told me that they did twice as well as the West India laborers. Some Italian laborers are also employed in connection with the canal. As might be expected, with labor at a high price, as at present in the United States, it has not so far proved profitable to get ordinary laborers from the United States. The American wage workers on the isthmus are the highly paid skilled mechanics. A steady effort is being made to secure Italians and especially to procure more Spaniards. It has not proved possible, however, to get them in anything like the numbers needed for the work, and from present appearances we shall in the near future have to rely for the ordinary unskilled work partly upon colored laborers from the West Indies, partly upon Chinese labor.

It certainly ought to be unnecessary to point out that the American workman in the United States has no concern whatever in the question as to whether the rough work on the isthmus, which is performed by aliens in any event, is done by aliens with a black skin or by aliens with a yellow skin. Our business is to dig the canal as efficiently and as quickly as possible, provided always that nothing is done that is inhumane to any laborer and nothing that interferes with the wages of or lowers the standard of living of our own workmen. Having in view this principle, I have arranged to try several thousand Chinese laborers. This is done for two reasons. First, I want to find out what I should have more efficient and, furthermore, because we should not have ourselves at the mercy of any one type of foreign labor.

**Negro Laborers and Their Quarters.**  
The West India laborers are fairly, but only fairly, satisfactory. Some of the men do very well indeed. The better class, who are to be found as foremen at skilled mechanics, a police men, are good men and many of the ordinary day laborers are also good. But thousands of those who are brought over under contract (at our expense) go off into the jungle to live or loaf around Colon or work so badly after the first three or four days as to

cause a serious diminution of the amount of labor performed on Friday and Saturday of each week.

One of the greatest needs is to provide amusements both for white men and black. The Young Men's Christian association is doing good work and should be encouraged, but the government should do the main work. Anything done for the welfare of the men indirectly to their efficiency, and thereby related to that purpose is therefore properly to be considered as spent in building the canal. I call the special attention of Congress to this need.

The gathering, distributing and caring for the great forces of laborers are among the giant features of the work. The astonishing thing is that the work has been performed so well and that the managers have been so good. From my own experience I am able to say that more care has been exercised in housing, feeding and generally paying heed to the needs of the skilled mechanics and ordinary laborers in the work on this canal than is the case in the construction of new railroads or in any other similar private or public work in the United States proper.

**The Work of Construction.**  
There remains to consider the actual work for which these laborers are gathered together. This is under the direct control of Chief Engineer Stevens, who has already shown admirable results and whom we can safely trust to achieve similar results in the future. The three big problems of the canal are the La Boca dams, the Gatun dam and the Culebra cut.

**In Culebra Cut.**  
The main work is now being done in the Culebra cut. It was striking and impressive to see the huge steam shovels in full play, the dumping trains carrying away the rock and earth they dislodged. The implements of French excavating machinery, though of excellent construction, look like the worst toys when compared with these new steam shovels, just as the French dumping cars seem like toy cars when compared with the long trains of huge cars hauled by electric power, which are now in use. This represents the enormous advance that has been made in machinery during the past quarter century. The old French cars had to be entirely discarded. The new cars hauled from twenty-five to thirty yards ahead, and instead of the old clumsy method of unloading them at a station, the whole is drawn from end to end of the whole vestibuled train, immensely economizing labor.

As soon as the type of canal was decided this work began in good earnest. The rainy season will shortly be over, and then there will be an immense increase in the amount taken out, but even during the last three months steady progress is shown by the figures. In August, 242,000 cubic yards; in September, 293,000 cubic yards; in October, 325,000 cubic yards. I hope to see the growth of a healthy spirit of emulation between the different shovel and locomotive crews, just such a spirit as has grown on our battlefields between the different gun crews in matters of marksmanship. Passing through the cut the amount of new work can be seen at a glance. In one place the entire side of a hill had been taken out recently by twenty-seven tons of dynamite, which were exploded at one blast. On the top of the hill the Culebra cut is now as wide as it will be. As I told, there had been at this point had been some about 200 feet below what it originally was. It will have to be sunk about 130 feet farther. Throughout the cut the drilling, blasting, shoveling and hauling are going on with constantly increasing energy, the huge shovels being pressed up as if they were mountain climbers into the most unlikely looking places, where they cut their way into the hillsides.

**Critics and Doubting Thomases.**

It is not only natural, but invidious, that a work as gigantic as this should arouse every species of hostility and criticism. It would be absolutely out of the question that mistakes should not be made. Unforeseen difficulties will arise. From time to time some local well settled plans will have to be changed. At present 25,000 men are engaged on the task. After awhile the number will be doubled. In such a multitude it is inevitable that there should be here and there a scoundrel. In a place which has been for ages a byword for unhealthfulness and with so large a congregation of strangers suddenly put down and left to fend for themselves will now and then be the source of disease. There will be short cuttings in administration; there will be mistakes for accidents. I can well believe that there will be here and there a scoundrel. Now and then an expert will be a failure, and among those who fear of it a certain proportion of doubting Thomases will at once believe that the whole work is a failure. Doubtless here and there some minor fault will be uncovered, but it is to this I have to say that after the most painstaking inquiry I have been unable to find a single reputable person who had so much as heard of any serious accusations affecting the honesty of the commission or of any of its employees. I am sure that the whole atmosphere of the commission here is one of honesty as it breathes efficiency and energy. Above all, the work has been kept absolutely clear of politics. I have never heard even a suggestion of spoils politics in connection with it.

**Plan to Build by Contract.**  
After most careful consideration we have decided to let out most of the work by contract if we can secure satisfactory terms with the contractors. The whole work is of a kind

suited to the peculiar genius of our people, and our people have developed the type of contractor best fitted to grapple with it. After much consideration the plan already promulgated by the secretary of war was adopted. This plan was drafted by Chief Engineer Stevens, was submitted to the chairman of the commission, Mr. Shonts, who went over it with Mr. Rogers, the legal adviser of the commission, and copies were then submitted to both Secretary Taft and myself. Secretary Taft submitted it to some of the best counsel at the New York bar, and afterward I went over it very carefully with Mr. Taft and Mr. Shonts, and we laid the plan before Mr. Root. My conclusion is that it combines the maximum of advantage with the minimum of disadvantage. Under it a premium will be put upon the speedy and economical construction of the canal and a penalty imposed on delay and waste. Of course it is possible that we cannot come to an agreement with the contractors, in which case the government will do the work itself. Meanwhile the work on the isthmus is progressing steadily and without any let-up.

A seven headed commission is a clumsy executive instrument. We should have but one commissioner, with heads of departments and other officers under him. We should be expressly permitted to employ the best engineers in the country as consulting engineers.

I accompany this paper with a map showing substantially what the canal will be like when it is finished. When the Culebra cut has been made and the dams built (if they are built as at present proposed), there will be at both the Pacific and Atlantic ends of the canal two great fresh water lakes, connected by a broad channel running at the bottom of a ravine across the backbone of the western hemisphere. Those best informed believe that the work will be completed in about eight years, but it is never safe to prophesy about such a work as this, especially in the tropics.

**Confident of Ultimate Success.**

Of the success of the enterprise I am as well convinced as one can be of any enterprise that is human. It is a stupendous work upon which our fellow countrymen are engaged, and, while we should hold them to a strict accountability for the way in which they perform it, we should recognize, with frank generosity, its epic nature of the task on which they are engaged and its worldwide importance. They are doing something which will redound immeasurably to the credit of America, which will benefit the whole world and which will last for ages to come.

Under Mr. Shonts and Mr. Stevens and Dr. Gorgas this work has started with every one of good fortune. They and their worthy associates, from the highest to the lowest, are entitled to the same credit that we would give to the picked men of a glorious army, for this conquest of peace will hereafter be held to a first honor upon the man participating, just as it reflects honor upon a soldier or a brave in a great war for righteousness.

**THEODORE ROOSEVELT.**  
The White House, Dec. 17, 1906.

## EXECUTIONS EVERY DAY

Warsaw, Russia Poland, Dec. 17.—Reports from Polish troops throughout Russian Poland show that the government policy of "firmness" was hampered in its execution by the lack of the soldiering sparks of revolution. This result was accomplished at a terrible cost to the Polish people, the number of victims being estimated at thousands. Business has become stagnant, the trades and industries are bankrupt, and the masses are despoiled and in a state of poverty.

Reports from Constantinople, a typical Polish town, show that a population of about 60,000, where the most successful terrorists have been tried by drumhead court martial and executed in the last two days.

In the early part of last week five terrorists were tried, convicted and shot here, as also were three at Sieradz, near Kalisz, two at Tomaszow and one at Lomza. These executions have been going on so constantly throughout Poland generally that it has become almost superfluous to repeat the daily chronicle of military executions.

**Russian Poland, Dec. 17.—**A bomb was thrown at Col. Plin, commander of the gendarmes of the government of Radom today. His leg was torn off.

**Getting a Hit.**

"What's the matter across the way?" asked the tailor of a bystander as the mob rushed back up to the door of his shop.

"A customer fell in a fit, and they are taking him to the hospital," was the reply.

"That's strange," said the tailor. "I never knew a customer to get a fit in that establishment before."

**The Best Return.**

After all, it isn't the way we live or the work we do that matters, but the ideal we put into it. Is there any work so sordid, so prosaic, to yield a return of beauty?—Ellen Glasgow.

## ANNUAL DINNER TO TROTTER MEN.

Superintendent P. J. Tormay  
Entertains Bosses and  
Drivers

AT THE HOTEL VICTORIA.

Excellent Repast Was Spread for the  
Men and Greatly Enjoyed by Them.  
Speeches Made By Several Guests  
and the Host Loudly Applauded.

From The Sunday Courier.

The second annual dinner of Superintendent P. J. Tormay of Trotter to his bosses and mine drivers at Hotel Victoria, New Haven, last night, was a decided success. In all 25 persons gathered around the festive board to partake of the excellent repast furnished by Proprietor Bernard O'Connor of the hotel. Superintendent Tormay proved an excellent host. His men did full justice to the ample meal set before them. It would be useless to describe this repast, for it could only be appreciated by tasting. The only feature of the affair was that the turkeys appeared to be all legs and breasts.

Mr. Tormay is a great believer in the proper and humane treatment of his drivers, or, in other words, of the hearty accord with which his men go into line with his policy resulted in the dinner being held. Mr. Tormay inaugurated a policy of demanding that his drivers treat their animals in a humane manner, and in this he has been followed by superintendents throughout the region. The animals at Trotter are in as good shape as at any works of the H. C. Frick Coke Company.

A special room in the hotel was reserved for the Trotter men, and a temporary headquarters was established, before 7 o'clock after the dinner. Shortly after eight o'clock the men assembled in the handsomely decorated dining room. Photographer George Porter took pictures of the group. After this was taken, the following menu was exterminated:

Blue Point, Oyster, Sweet Pickles, Olives, Boiled Vinegels, Ham, Roast Young Turkey, Cranberry Sauce, Caramel Sweet Potatoes, Roast Spring Lamb, French Peas, Shredded Potatoes, Sugar Corn, Lettuce Salad, Potato Salad, Mince Pie, Raisin Pie, Cheese, Crackers, Baking Fruit, Coffee, Milk, Tea.

After the coffee and cigars were passed around, Robert F. Sheppard of New Haven was called upon for a speech. Sheppard responded nobly, and in his inimitable style had the audience in an uproar. His jokes were loudly applauded, as were his references to the generosity of the host, Mr. Tormay.

Following Sheppard, Mr. Tormay announced that the dinner will be repeated next year, provided his boys desire it. They were unanimous in their consent, and cheers rang through the room for the veteran Superintendent.

Impromptu speeches were made by others present. Those who partook of the feast were:

P. J. Tormay, Peter McMahon, R. F. Sheppard, Martin Holm, George Porter, Joseph Dineen, E. M. Fletcher, David McCormick, Peter Dury, Thomas Doyle, T. J. Mullin, Ed. Kuhn, J. K. Griffith, Geo. Livingston, William Goodwin, Michael Goggin, E. G. Shivers, John Buech, Dan Calvey, John Mullin, William Roland, William Madison, Sam. T. Goodwin, Patrick McQuinn, Frank Labrack, Joseph Berchlin, Thomas Doolley, Raymond Wastick, Alex. Seidman, William Vitasek, John Devlin, Joseph Casan, Andrew Miller.

### TANGUAY SALE.

The Advance Opens at Huston's Tomorrow Morning.

The advance sale of seats for the Christmas performance of Eva Tanguay in "A Good Fellow" will open tomorrow morning at nine o'clock. A record sale is anticipated, for Miss Tanguay is unusually popular throughout the entire region.

This year Miss Tanguay has an excellent show and is making a big hit everywhere she plays. Her past performances here are sufficient recommendation for her.

### Cards for Reception.

Cards are out for a reception by Mr. and Mrs. Murat Halstead and Mrs. Jean H. Davidson for the coming out reception of Miss Joan Halstead Davidson, at the Halstead home in Cincinnati, O., Saturday afternoon from 1 to 7 o'clock. The debutante is a daughter of Mrs. Davidson and a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Halstead.

### Death of Little Girl.

Marie Pirl, little daughter of Allen and Ida Pirl, died Sunday at the family residence at Brookvale after a several days' illness of pneumonia, aged 1 year and 4 months. Funeral from her late residence Tuesday morning at 7:30 o'clock. The body will be shipped to Indian Creek for interment on B. & O. train No. 48.

### Meeting for Women.

Dr. Mary Longdon will address a meeting especially for women this evening at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Walter Cotton, No. 515 Race street. Her subject will be "Work Among the Women of India."

### One Cent a Word.

That is all it will cost you to advertise in our want column. Try it.

### Local and Personal Mention.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Goldsmith of town were the guests of friends and relatives in Pittsburgh over Sunday.

Do you want a box of chocolate or bonbons? Luteman has a better line than ever, at popular prices. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Campbell of Crawford avenue were shoppers in Pittsburgh Saturday.

Miss Sarah Robinson was the recipient Sunday of a handsome cut glass bouquet holder bearing a large bunch of roses, a gift of the G. H. Co. of which she is secretary. Miss Robinson returned home Saturday from the Mercy hospital in Pittsburgh, where she underwent an operation.

We help Santa Claus. Schell Hardware Company.

Miss Gertrude Myers of the South Side returned home this morning from a visit with friends in Pittsburgh.

W. B. Scott was in Pittsburgh over Sunday.

Useful articles in nickel-plated ware. Schell's.

Prof. R. K. Smith of Dawson was in town this morning on his way to Chautauque to attend the annual teachers' institute of Fayette county, which convened there this morning in the Grand Opera House.

Prof. Smith is principal of the Dunbar township high school. Nothing else for the student present than a pair of Klipper Klub skates. Schell's.

George Strickler of Vandybilt was in town this morning on business.

The Misses Martin of Perryopolis are the guests of friends and relatives in New Haven.

Dr. R. D. Woods & Son, Dentists, first National Bank Building, Pittsburgh phone 1st, Crown and bridge work a specialty.

Mrs. E. Cohen of Clarksburg, W. Va., is a new clerk in the suit making dept. of the Wright-Metzler Company.

Mrs. Cohen succeeds Miss Grace Spill, who recently resigned.

Mrs. A. S. Cox went to Somerset on Sunday, where she will be the guest of friends several days.

A Gillette razor makes an acceptable gift for a gentleman. Schell's.

Edward Emery of Pittsburgh was the guest of his mother, Mrs. Louis Emery, of the South Side, Saturday.

Erskine Hardware Company sell the Region gas stove.

Henry Jaquette of Ohiolet was in town this morning on his return home from a visit to his former home in Chautauque.

Miss Mary Everett and Miss Mabel Golden were Connelville visitors Saturday.

Oysters in full quart cans at Lateman's. Don't lose light weights.

Miss Mary E. Hunter of West Apple street returned home Saturday evening from a visit with relatives at Greensburg.

Mrs. A. P. Miller of Dunbar was in town Saturday.

When you buy your boy a Christmas present, get him something useful. Look at the toy cabinet at Schell's before purchasing.

Miss Edith Kins, Vogel, Miss Alice Horner, Miss Margaret Harrison, Miss Margaret Badoy, Miss Winifred Harrison, Miss Mabel Buckingham and Miss Irene McVinty are among the teachers who went to Chautauque this morning to attend the annual teachers' institute of Fayette county.

Razors and strops, \$1.00 and up. Schell's.

Miss Helen Carroll of Sixth street, New Haven, was the guest of friends in Scotland over Sunday.

Useful Christmas presents. Reasonable prices. Schell's.

Miss Winifred Harrison of Johnston avenue was the guest of Miss Edith Kins at Dunbar Sunday.

Miss Della Mahoy of Dunbar was in town Saturday on a shopping trip.

Get a Christmas tree holder at Schell's.

Mrs. James A. Childs of Pleasant Level returned home from a several days' visit with relatives in Pittsburgh Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Childs was the guest of honor at a holiday luncheon given by Mrs. George A. Johnson at her home on South Linden avenue, Point Breeze.

Erskine's carry a fine line of covers.

Miss Helen McLaughlin and Miss Alpha French of Dawson were calling on friends in town this morning.

The finest line of pipes ever shown in Connelville, at prices that can't be beat, at Lateman's.

From food connoisseurs at Schell Hardware Company.

W. E. Shaffer of Barnesville, O., is visiting at the home of his brother-in-law, S. W. Metzler, South Pittsburgh street.

Flexible Boys, the sled that steers itself. At Schell's.

Gus Schickel postmaster at Titcomb, was in town this morning on business.

Skates are always appreciated by boys and girls. Schell's.

Mrs. J. W. Scott of Chautauque is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. A. E. Arison, of Greenswood.

Go to Erskine Hardware Company for Starrett's machine tools.

Mrs. Harriet Carson of Dawson was the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. L. Tupper, of North Pittsburgh street Saturday.

Skates are always appreciated by boys and girls. Schell's.

When in doubt give him a good pocket knife. We have them at all prices as high as \$5.00. Schell's.

Miss Katherine Gurney, a student at Mt. Storer Academy at Mt. Storer, Pa., returned home to spend her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Tormay, of Trotter.

For the boys, Daisy air rifles. Schell's.

Mrs. Martin King and baby, Miss Frances Criven, and Miss Katherine French went to Pittsburgh this morning, where they will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reed.

What about that new gas range? Schell's.

G. E. Gohlright of Turle Creek was the guest of his brother, W. J. Gohlright, of Elm street, Sunday.

Miss John P. Keenan of East End, Pittsburgh, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Snyder today.

Aluminum ware is very acceptable. Schell's.

W. M. Simmons, representing Pittsburgh industry, the official organ of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association, is here today getting data for an article descriptive of Connelville, the center of the lake region.

Will Be Wedded Tuesday.

Miss Anna Olive MacBurney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. MacBurney, of Vandybilt, and James Harry Dunn will be united in marriage Tuesday at high noon at the home of the bride-elect. Miss MacBurney is a teacher in the Vandybilt public schools and is well known here.

Invitations for Dance.

The Fortnightly Mandolin Club have issued invitations for their ninth annual New Year's dance to be held Monday evening, December 31, in the Markell Hall. Music will be furnished by Kiferlo's orchestra.



## Call Up Santa Claus Headquarters in the Wright-Metzler Basement.

### By All Means Buy Your Toys Today.

Our prices are famously low in Toyland down in Wright-Metzler Co.'s basement, and they will remain unchanged until the last toy is sold.

### There May Be a Vast Difference Between Buying Your Toys Today and Waiting Until Tomorrow.

Today "Toyland" is replete with every plaything known to children and many new things which they have never seen. Toys and dolls that will be the happiest surprises of their lives.

### Tomorrow it May Be More Difficult to Find What is Wanted, and You Run a Risk of Disappointing the Little Ones, a Thing You Wouldn't Have Happen for the World.

We especially direct your attention to our

## Superb Collection of Dolls Who People the Land of Make-Believe.

Here are the jointed dolls that open and close their eyes and are so lifelike in appearance. Those range in price from 50c to \$12.00.

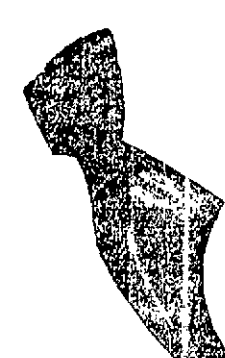
Then the dressed dolls which range from the plainly dressed ones at 25c to the more costly gowned ones at \$6.00. Kid body dolls, which perhaps are the most durable ones, in a range of prices from 25c to \$3.00. Novelty dolls, including the "Happy Hooligans," the Germans, the Irishmen, etc., 5c to 25c. Dennison's famous paper doll sets, 25c.

Then all of dolly's accessories, including separate hats, shoes, stockings, wigs, parasols, etc., at the lowest possible prices.

WRIGHT-METZLER COMPANY.

## Christmas Slippers in All The Newest of Styles at Holiday Prices that Will Surprise You.

Year after year Slippers stand at the very front in popularity as Holiday Gifts. It is natural that it should be so, for it is a gift of thoughtfulness. A thing that gives pleasure and comfort all the year round. The Wright-Metzler stocks form the broadest selection to be found anywhere. Every style in every sort of slipper that has proven its worth, is here. We have the simple and inexpensive slippers that supply solid comfort as well as the most elaborate sorts that are made for either man, woman or children.



### For Men.

Men's Faust or Romeo slippers, black or tan, 8 to 11, at \$2.00.  
Men's Kid Slippers, black, tan, red and champagne, 6 to 11, at \$2.00.  
Men's Kid Slippers and Romeo, tan, red and champagne, 6 to 11, at \$1.50.  
Men's black slippers, tan, red and champagne, 6 to 11, at \$1.00.  
Men's imitation alligator slippers, 6 to 11, 85c.  
Men's imitation alligator slippers, 6 to 11, 50c.  
Men's black felt Romeo and Comfy's, 6 to 11, \$1.00 to \$1.50.

### For Women.

Women's fur trimmed felt Juliettes, black, brown and drab sizes 3 to 7, \$1.75.  
Women's felt fur trimmed slippers, all colors, \$1.50.  
Women's felt fur trimmed slippers, all colors, \$1.00.  
Women's boudoir slippers, tan, red and black, \$1.00.  
Women's hand crocheted slippers, all colors, 75c.  
Evening slippers, patent kid, 2.50 to \$4.00.  
Evening slippers, ooze leather, \$4.00.

### For Children.

Misses' deer skin slippers, 11 to 2, \$1.25.  
Misses' gray felt slippers, 11 to 2, 85c.  
Children's gray felt slippers, 5 to 11, 75c.  
Boys, tan and black slippers, 8 to 12, 85c.  
Boys' tan and black slippers, 12 1/2 to 2, 90c.  
Boys' tan and black slippers, 2 1/2 to 5 1/2, \$1.15.  
Infants' booties, fur trimmed, 2 to 5, 50c and 60c.



## Umbrellas For Christmas Gifts.

We are particularly proud of our present stock of Umbrellas. The variety of handles is most extensive and each style in the collection has been carefully selected and made up to our order. We are particularly careful that the handle shall not be everything in Wright-Metzler Umbrellas, as it is in many stores. The covers must be of thorough goodness and excellence. Prices range from the inexpensive, practical sorts to the handsome gilt Umbrellas at \$10. For Men, Women and Children. Early inspection is desirable in this particular line, as Umbrellas form very popular gifts. Come in and make your selection and we will deliver it whenever you say.

## Men's Suspenders For Christmas Gifts.

We present fine selections, either to the man who desires to buy a new pair of Suspenders for his own use, or to his friends, who wish to select useful and attractive holiday gifts. Each pair is put up in neat holiday box and there is a fine assortment at each of the three popular prices, 25c, 50c and \$1.00.

## Remarkable Holiday Values in Furs.

You Could Not Choose a Gift That Would be More  
Truly Appreciated Than a Set of These Furs.

We are starting the holiday season with remarkable fur values that will leave a lasting impression throughout the year. There is intrinsic worth to every piece of fur we sell—a superior quality that insures lasting satisfaction, and when you consider that these unprecedented low prices are quoted on high-class furs, you'll appreciate this even more.

### Here Are a Few of Our Most Select Offerings:

Squirrel Scarfs, in stole and four-in-hand styles, from \$5.00 to \$15.00.  
Squirrel Muffs to match, \$9.00 to \$15.00. Pillow and oval styles. These are in both natural and blended squirrel.  
Jap Mink Scarfs in stole and tie effects, \$7.50 to \$25.00.  
American Mink Scarfs, \$25.00 to \$75.00.  
Mink Sets, selected furs, \$55.00 to \$125.00.  
Mink is the most lasting and durable fur that you can buy at any price and forms a most economical purchase.  
Fox Sets, \$10.00 to \$50.00.  
Black Lynx Sets, \$30.00 to \$35.00.  
Blue Lynx Sets, \$50.00.  
Beaver Sets, \$48.00.

## Full Length Kimonos of Silk in Oriental Designs \$8.50 to \$12.00.

The richness of these beautiful house gowns from the Orient cannot be described in cold type. The beautiful blending of colors and the artistic Oriental designs that make these Kimonos beautiful, are the unequalled handiwork of the far east.

We present these beautiful and useful gowns  
in a broad variety of patterns and designs.

They are mostly made with the flowing wing sleeves, a new conceit originated by the designers of the far east, and forming a beautiful addition to the most exquisite house gowns you have ever seen.

2nd FLOOR.

## Waists Appropriate For Gift Purposes.

Silk-lined Lace Waists at \$5.00. Remarkably handsome, dressy waists to buy at this very low price, and the lace being silk-lined make them as warm as the regular silk waists.

The waists are made of cream oriental lace, trimmed with Valenciennes insertion and medallions. They are made with full front and button in the back. They are remarkably attractive waists to buy at \$5.00.

Another Waist that will be popular with gift-givers is a brand new line of plaid waists, which we have just placed on sale. Plaid is immensely popular this season and you are fortunate in having these most desirable ones placed at your disposal here, as there is a decided scarcity of them. We offer them at \$7.50 to \$12.00; other waists in every desirable fabric and handsomely tailored, up to \$25.00.

## Men's Neckwear.

The counters are busy centers of the store and will continue to be such until Christmas Eve. We have a superb variety of all sorts of neckwear in every shape, size and coloring, both imported and American made. We put them up in neat gift boxes when that is the purpose for which they are intended, 50c to \$2.50.

Open Evenings  
Until Christmas

Wright-Metzler Company.

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## SOLDIER TELLS OF TRIP TO CUBA.

His Recollection of Things  
That Happened There  
Is Vivid.

### FLEAS ATTACK THE ARMY

Little Fellows Keep Those They Get  
On Busy, and Cause Some Startling  
Actions With the Ladies—How Ed-  
gar Cypher Became a Soldier.

It has always been a mystery how Edgar Cypher of New Haven was permitted to enlist in the volunteer army of the United States at the time of the Spanish-American War, but the mystery was cleared up a few days ago by the finding of a pair of shoes in his father's shop that weighed close to 20 pounds. At the time of the disturbance, Cypher was but a lad weighing 116 pounds. His friends told him that he could never enter Uncle Sam's service unless he got more flesh on his bones. Not daunted by this discouraging piece of information he went to the recruiting office, where many of his friends were taking service in Company D, the famous fighting company of the "Old Tenth."

When he was stripped of his clothing the recruiting officer quickly said: "No go, young man, you're too light." The boys of company D marched proudly off to war and Cypher was left behind. He cudgled his brains how he could weight enough to pass the recruiting officer and going to his father's shop he hit upon the scheme of getting a pair of cork drawers' shoes and filling them with lead. He also added some weight to his clothing by various methods. A new recruiting officer came and Cypher called upon him. The officer hadn't his scales ready and the anxious recruit was taken to a hardware store. He didn't have to strip this time and when the scales recorded 142 pounds the officer pronounced him all right. He was first ordered to Jefferson Barracks, Mo., but later was sent to Fort Warren, and then became a member of the Second Massachusetts Artillery.

Speaking of his army life to a number of friends last night he related several amusing incidents. The talk had drifted to mosquitos and fleas, a very annoying topic, and everyone was feeling "itchy." Talking about your fleas, though, there are no mosquitos or fleas in America that can beat those sand fleas of Cuba," said Cypher. "Everybody has a flea on in Cuba. I have known a fellow who couldn't be up all night hunting fleas. The boys tried to smoke them out and drive them away in every manner under the sun, but it was no go and one of them stayed with me until well on to New York on the return journey."

"It wasn't anything uncommon to see a lady stop in the middle of the street and start on a rummage for a flea, some times near her trim and sometimes lodged near her garter. If you saw a woman hurriedly tear open the bosom of her dress or commit another startling action she was after one of those fleas and the little rascal was tormenting her beyond endurance."

"Our boys had more girls in Cuba than they had at home. The girl couldn't make the fellow understand and the fellow was in a similar boat. They seemed, however, to have a good time with each other, smiling and smirking. All Cuban girls have to go home early, and besides that they have an old mammy, or something like that, who answers for a chaperon with them. It's hard to get spoony when the old girl is around, and some of the boys found that out to their sorrow."

"We were without tobacco for four days before we landed in Cuba, and would have fought any sized army if a pile of tobacco had been back of it. Orders were so strict that it was almost impossible to spit without getting in trouble. I was doing guard duty within a stone's throw of a tobacco shop on the afternoon of the day we arrived, and I couldn't see anything but that tobacco shop. I couldn't talk a word of Spanish, but by grunting I finally attracted a youngster and gave him a quarter. While making signs he ran off to the tobacco shop and returned with a big handful of tobies. I chewed my finger for about five minutes to explain that I wanted tobacco. Oh he went again and brought me back the biggest plug of tobacco I had ever seen up until that time. It was so black that it looked like instant death. But I grabbed hold of it and took a piece almost as big as a sandwich. He rolled into my hand a lot of coins and it looked to me like he had made a mistake in the change. I afterward learned that the plug of tobacco cost ten cents and the boy had given me the proper change."

"Just as I was completing the transaction with the boy a great big, cross looking Colonel came riding along on his horse. I was thinking how long I would get in the guard house for stopping on my patrol, when the old fellow said: "How's that tobacco; does she make much spit?" "Oh, it's good and juicy," said I. "Well, then, give me a chew." "I whipped out the plug and he took almost half of it at one crack. Soon he was spitting a stream, same as coffee. After telling me to keep a good

lookout and attend to my duties, he passed on. I endeavored all the time I was in Cuba to find out who the Colonel was, but to this day I am ignorant of his name.

"But talking about the flea, I never knew what became of that chap I intended to bring home with me. Somehow or other he settled upon the call of my leg a few days before we sailed. I had been buying cedar oil at 25 cents a bottle—the bottle wasn't bigger than the end of your finger, and I decided that I wouldn't spend any more quarters that way, but would have a rousing big time on the money when I got home. I said to Mr. Flea, 'I'm going to see how long you will stay there.' He certainly made me step around pretty lively for about a week, and almost aggravated me to death, but when we were about two days out from New York, he must have thought that it was time to start on the return journey, and I never knew what became of him. I tell you these Cuban fleas are the real article and there's no dog around this town that can produce a variety that will equal them for biting."

### BIG COAL DEAL.

Scottdale Man at the Head of Company  
to Develop 10,000 Acres in Garrett  
County, Maryland.

Special to The Courier. CONNELLSVILLE, Dec. 15.—Charles H. Loucks of Scottsdale and a number of capitalists of Fayette and Westmoreland counties have secured a ten thousand-acre tract of tracts of coal land lying in Preston county, W. Va., near the Garrett county line, which they secured at a very low figure per acre. The land lies about a little village named Zie and the coal will be mined from drift mines. The purchasers of this immense block of coal propose to build a railroad from their coal to Selbyport, Garrett county, a distance of about eight miles, and will erect tipplers at Selbyport. The coal will go out to the Pittsburgh and eastern markets over the line of the Confluence & Oakland railroad, reaching the main line of the B. & O. here.

Work on the construction of the railway will begin early in the spring and the matter of developing the coal will be pushed as rapidly as possible. It is estimated that the opening of the coal and the construction of the railroad will cost about \$500,000 and the company back of the enterprise have stock subscribed sufficient to get the coal into market.

New Teachers' Meetings. The management of the Conneltsburg schools have started an innovation in teachers' meetings. Each week a noted educator will be secured to talk to the local instructors.

Want Their Own Gas. A bill is to come before the West Virginia Legislature which will prevent the piping of West Virginia gas out of that State.



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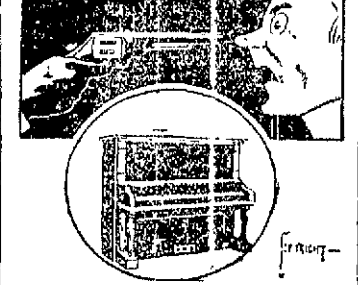
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Killed on Wedding Eve. A well-known doctor in Plannen, Germany, who was to have been married, was found shot in his bed, with a revolver at his side. The doctor, who was just 30 years old, was one of the rising medical men of the day, but he had become entangled with a woman, who had taken a solemn oath that if he married anyone else but her she would shoot the bride at the altar.

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